



AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. (Original As Filed) In a palletizing device including a layer formation structure
5 defining a layer building plane, an improvement comprising:
a contact element movable between a first position and a second position, said first
position being at least one of at and below said layer building plane and said second position
being above said layer building plane.
- 10 2. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 1 wherein said layer
building plane lies coincident with a set of retractable rollers.
3. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 1 wherein said
improvement further comprises:
15 first and second actuators; and
first and second cables, said first cable being coupled to said first actuator and
said second cable being coupled to said second actuator, said contact element coupling said first
and second cables, said first and second cables moving along a path including a path portion at or
below said layer building plane and a path portion above said layer building plane.
- 20 4. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 1 wherein said
improvement further comprises a plate as said contact element, said plate being pivotable
between said first position and said second position.
- 25 5. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 1 wherein said
improvement comprises said contact element being moveable by at least one of linear and
rotatable motion from said first position to said second position.

6. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 5 wherein said contact element mounts upon a flexible support element and said flexible support element moves along a path including portions adjacent to said first position and adjacent to said second position.

5 7. (Original As Filed) An improvement according to claim 1 wherein said contact element moves linearly into said second position.

8. (Original As Filed) A palletizing layer head comprising:
a retractable floor movable between a closed position coincident with a layer
10 building plane and an open position; and
a contact element positionable between a submerged position at or below said layer building plane and an engagement position above said layer building plane.

9. (Original As Filed) A palletizing layer head according to claim 8 further
15 comprising side clamps.

10. (Original As Filed) A palletizing layer head according to claim 9 wherein said side clamps are sufficiently spaced relative to said layer building plane to allow movement of said contact element between said layer building plane and said side clamps.

20 Claims 11-14 (Withdrawn as Non-Elected)